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STOVER WOMAN SENTENCED FOR HOUSING METH LAB

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Stover, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for housing a methamphetamine laboratory at her residence.

Connie Sue Marriott, 35, of Stover, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On March 23, 2005, **Marriott** pleaded guilty to maintaining a residence for the purpose of manufacturing and storing methamphetamine on Aug. 13, 2003, in Morgan County, Mo.

Marriott is the second co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

On Aug. 25, 2005, **Michael Ellis Smith**, 46, of Stover, was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole. On Jan. 26, 2005, **Smith** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Aug. 13, 2003.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Morgan County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Stover, Mo., Police Department and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office.

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